

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process cartridge adapted to be detachably attached to a body of an image forming apparatus comprises an image bearing member, developing means 5 for developing an electrostatic image formed on the image bearing member by using developer to form a developer image on the image bearing member and developer charging means for charging residual developer on the image bearing member disposed 10 downstream of a transferring position at which said developer image is transferred onto a transfer destination member and upstream of a position at which the electrostatic image is formed on said image bearing member with respect to the moving direction 15 of said image bearing member. The developer charging means can be in contact with the image bearing member and is movable in a direction substantially the same as a longitudinal direction of the image bearing member upon charging the residual developer. Letting 20 L1 (mm) be the developing width of the developing means, letting L2 (mm) be the contact width of the developer charging means with the image bearing member, and letting d (mm) be a width of movement of the developer charging means, in the direction 25 substantially the same as the longitudinal direction of the image bearing member, the condition  $L1 + d \leq L2$  is satisfied.